

HB4527



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

75 ILCS 10/8
75 ILCS 10/8.4

from Ch. 81, par. 118
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Amends the Illinois Library System Act. Increases the amount of certain grants from the State to public and school libraries. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Library System Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 8 and 8.4 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 10/8) (from Ch. 81, par. 118)

7 Sec. 8. State grants.

8 (a) There shall be a program of State grants within the
9 limitations of funds appropriated by the Illinois General
10 Assembly together with other funds made available by the
11 federal government or other sources for this purpose. This
12 program of State grants shall be administered by the State
13 Librarian in accordance with rules and regulations as provided
14 in Section 3 of this Act and shall include the following: (i)
15 annual equalization grants; (ii) Library System grants; (iii)
16 per capita grants to public libraries; and (iv) planning and
17 construction grants to public libraries and library systems.
18 Libraries, in order to be eligible for grants under this
19 Section, must be members of a library system.

20 (b) An annual equalization grant shall be made to all
21 public libraries for which the corporate authorities levy a tax
22 for library purposes at a rate not less than .13% of the value
23 of all the taxable property as equalized and assessed by the

1 Department of Revenue if the amount of tax revenue obtained
2 from a rate of .13% produces less than (i) \$4.25 per capita in
3 property tax revenue from property taxes for the 2006 taxable
4 year payable in 2007 and (ii) \$7.50 per capita in property tax
5 revenue from property taxes for the 2007 taxable year and
6 thereafter. In that case, the State Librarian is authorized to
7 make an equalization grant equivalent to the difference between
8 the amount obtained from a rate of .13% and an annual income of
9 \$4.25 per capita for grants made through Fiscal Year 2008, and
10 an annual income of \$7.50 per capita for grants made in Fiscal
11 Year 2009 and thereafter. If a library receiving an
12 equalization grant reduces its tax levy below the amount levied
13 at the time the original application is approved, it shall be
14 ineligible to receive further equalization grants.

15 If a library is subject to the Property Tax Extension
16 Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code and its tax levy for
17 library purposes has been lowered to a rate of less than .13%,
18 the library will qualify for this grant if the library levied a
19 tax for library purposes that met the requirements for this
20 grant in the previous year and if the tax levied for library
21 purposes in the current year produces tax revenue for the
22 library that is an increase over the previous year's extension
23 of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index,
24 whichever is less, and the tax revenue produced by this levy is
25 less than (i) \$4.25 per capita in property tax revenue from
26 property taxes for the 2006 taxable year payable in 2007 and

1 (ii) \$7.50 per capita in property tax revenue from property
2 taxes for the 2007 taxable year and thereafter. In this case,
3 the State Librarian is authorized to make an equalization grant
4 equivalent to the difference between the amount of tax revenue
5 obtained from the current levy and an annual income of \$4.25
6 per capita for grants made through Fiscal Year 2008, and an
7 annual income of \$7.50 per capita for grants made in Fiscal
8 Year 2009 and thereafter. If a library receiving an
9 equalization grant reduces its tax levy below the amount levied
10 at the time the original application is approved, it shall be
11 ineligible to receive further equalization grants.

12 (c) Annual Library System grants shall be made, upon
13 application, to each library system approved by the State
14 Librarian on the following basis:

15 (1) For library systems, the sum of \$1.46 per capita of
16 the population of the area served plus the sum of \$50.75
17 per square mile or fraction thereof of the area served
18 except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

19 (2) If the amounts appropriated for grants are
20 different from the amount provided for in paragraph (1) of
21 this subsection, the area and per capita funding shall be
22 proportionately reduced or increased accordingly.

23 (3) For library systems, additional funds may be
24 appropriated. The appropriation shall be distributed on
25 the same proportional per capita and per square mile basis
26 as provided in paragraphs (1) and (4) of this subsection.

1 (4) Per capita and area funding for a multitype library
2 system as defined in subparagraph (3) of the definition of
3 "library system" in Section 2 and a public library system
4 in cities with a population of 500,000 or more as defined
5 in subparagraph (2) of the definition of "library system"
6 in Section 2 shall be apportioned with 25% of the funding
7 granted to the multitype library system and 75% of the
8 funding granted to the public library system.

9 (d) The "area served" for the purposes of this Act means
10 the area that lies within the geographic boundaries of the
11 library system as approved by the State Librarian. In
12 determining the population of the area served by the library
13 system, the Illinois State Library shall use the latest federal
14 census for the political subdivisions in the area served.

15 (e) In order to be eligible for a grant under this Section,
16 the corporate authorities, instead of a tax levy at a
17 particular rate, may provide an amount equivalent to the amount
18 produced by that levy.

19 (Source: P.A. 93-527, eff. 8-14-03.)

20 (75 ILCS 10/8.4) (from Ch. 81, par. 118.4)

21 Sec. 8.4. School library grants. Beginning July 1, 1989,
22 the State Librarian shall make grants annually under this
23 Section to all school districts in the State for the
24 establishment and operation of qualified school libraries, or
25 the additional support of existing qualified school libraries,

1 from funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Such grants
2 shall be in the amount of \$0.75 per student as determined by
3 the official enrollment as of the previous September 30 of the
4 respective school having a qualified school library. If the
5 moneys appropriated for grants under this Section are not
6 sufficient, the State Librarian shall reduce the amount of the
7 grants as necessary; in making these reductions, the State
8 Librarian shall endeavor to provide each school district that
9 has a qualifying school library (i) at least the same amount
10 per student as the district received under this Section in the
11 preceding fiscal year, and (ii) a total grant of at least \$750
12 ~~\$100~~.

13 To qualify for grants under this Section, a school library
14 must:

15 (1) Be an entity which serves the basic information and
16 library needs of the school's employees and students
17 through a bibliographically organized collection of
18 library materials, has at least one employee whose primary
19 duty is to serve as a librarian, and has a collection
20 permanently supported financially, accessible centrally,
21 and occupying identifiable quarters in one principal
22 location.

23 (2) Meet the requirements for membership in a library
24 system under the provisions of this Act.

25 (3) Have applied for membership in the library system
26 of jurisdiction if the system is a multitype library system

1 under this Act.

2 (4) Provide, as mutually determined by the Illinois
3 State Librarian and the Illinois State Board of Education,
4 library services which either meet or show progress toward
5 meeting the Illinois school library standards as most
6 recently adopted by the Illinois School Library Media
7 Association.

8 (5) Submit a statement certifying that the financial
9 support for the school library or libraries of the applying
10 school district has been maintained undiminished, or if
11 diminished, the percentage of diminution of financial
12 support is no more than the percentage of diminution of the
13 applying school's total financial support for educational
14 and operations purposes since the submission of the last
15 previous application of the school district for the school
16 library per student grant that was funded.

17 Grants under this Section shall be made only upon
18 application of the school district for its qualified school
19 library or school libraries.

20 (Source: P.A. 91-507, eff. 8-13-99.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.